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SUBJ: ANTITRUST: CARACTERES SA

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1. ON MARCH 8 THE SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE WAS NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATION OF CARACTERES SA OF WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS, AND NEUCHATEL, SWITZERLAND.

2. ON MARCH 9 THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM ERIC BAUER, VICE PRESIDENT OF CARACTERES IN NEUCHATEL. BAUER SAID THAT HIS FIRM HAS MADE NO RPT NO ARRANGEMENT WITH ANY DISTRIBUTOR IN THE US. CARACTERES SELLS ITS TYPEWRITER BALLS DIRECTLY TO MANUFACTURERS OF OFFICE MACHINES, PRINCIPALLY UNIVAC, DATATYPE IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND TAPLIN BUSINESS MACHINES IN BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS. ATTEMPTS TO SELL TO IBM HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

3. BAUER TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT ALL MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS IN WOBURN HAVE CEASED DUE TO THE RECESSION. CARACTERES' INTERESTS IN THE US ARE BEING HANDLED BY FRANCIS E MEANEY OF THE LAW FIRM MITZ, LEVIN, COHN, GLOVSKY, AND POPEO, ONE CENTER PLAZA, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. TELEPHONE (617) 742-5800.

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4. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE

DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE REGARDING THE COURSE OF THIS
INVESTIGATION.
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